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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer

Arizona's February Job Growth Best in Five Years

"I am deeply encouraged by today's report that, with last month's gain of nearly 28,000 non-farm jobs, Arizona has seen its strongest February job growth since 2007.

"Arizona generated above-average job gains in seven of the eleven major employment sectors – including strong growth in the leisure/hospitality and manufacturing sectors. Year over year, our state has now added 42,600 new, non-farm jobs. One thing is certain: Arizonans are getting back to work.

"Needless to say, I am not satisfied. I know too many Arizonans continue to struggle with joblessness and an unpredictable economy. But I also know today's news proves we are on the right track. I intend to continue pursuing the policies I have championed since taking office – policies that foster job growth by creating a strong workforce and keeping regulations lean and tax rates competitive. Investment fads will come and go, but these are the fundamentals that will grow Arizona's economy long into the future."

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